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In re Appln. of: Vincent R. Busam et al.

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**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a written status report regarding this application. Applicants have not received any correspondence for this application since March 31, 2009. The docketing of this appeal was substantially delayed until that date due to a clerical error on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and, as such, Applicants also wish to know whether the appeal process has been expedited accordingly.

No fee is required for a Status Request. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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